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## Media Release

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### **AutoMARK™ Voting Machine Available for the November 8 General Election**

OLYMPIA – An AutoMARK™ voting machine is currently available at the Thurston County Auditor's Office, Bldg. 1, Rm. 106, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Election Day, November 8, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The AutoMARK™ will also be at the Olympia Senior Center, 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3 and at the Intercity Bus Depot in downtown Olympia on Friday, November 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary to use a machine at these locations. Voters who do not have transportation to these locations should contact the Auditor's Office at (360) 786-5408 to schedule an appointment to have a machine brought to them.

The AutoMarks™ allow voters who cannot otherwise read or mark their ballots to vote independently and secretly. "These machines can read the ballot to the voter, magnify the print on the ballot, and mark the ballot for the voter. Voters who have never been able to vote independently before can use these machines to exercise one of their most fundamental rights," said Auditor Kim Wyman. The AutoMarks™ also allow voters to verify that their ballot was marked accurately. The AutoMARK™ does not produce a ballot. Voters must have their ballots and mailing envelopes with them to use the AutoMARK™ machines.

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